

- Federal Recovery Act Funding Addresses State's Unfunded Mandate and Creates Jobs -

Warwick, NY - Standing in front of the Warwick Village Hall, U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-Dover) joined Warwick Village Mayor Michael Newhard and Village Engineer Michael Murphy today to announce \$2 million in federal Economic Recovery Act funding to construct a new water filtration plant for the Village of Warwick. Following the announcement, Hall and the village officials walked to the site of the future plant, discussing construction plans and the jobs they will create.

Three years ago, the Village of Warwick received a mandate from the State of New York to analyze the quality of its drinking water. The results showed that one of Warwick's three wells was being contaminated by surface water. Engineers determined that the well required a new micro-filtration plant. By law, the village had just 18 months to construct the new plant or abandon the well. The new plant was estimated to cost more than 2 million dollars. The federal funds secured with the support of Congressman Hall will fill the gap created by the state's unfunded mandate, improve the quality of the village's drinking water, and create new jobs.

"This Federal Economic Recovery Act funding will create jobs here in Orange County and address the unfunded mandate created by the state. At the same time, it will dramatically increase the quality of local drinking water," Rep. Hall said. "Without this funding, local ratepayers would have had to foot the bill for this expensive project."